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June 23, 1905 1282

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Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
June 5 6 8 9	Jamaica	16	0	0	0
	Jos. Vaccaro.	29	0	0	0
	Condor	17	1	0	0
	Bratten	16	0	0	0

Report from Puerto Cortez, fruit port—Yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Carter reports as follows: Week ended June 1, 1905. Present officially estimated population, 4,000; 4 deaths, including 3 from yellow fever; prevailing diseases, yellow fever and malarial fever in all types; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, infected.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	e. Vessel.		Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage inspected.	
May 29	Hiram	14	29	0 2	45	
June 1	Olympia	41	0		0	

Number of aliens sailing from this port during week, 9.

Yellow-fever cases and deaths—Sanitary measures—Funigation of vessels.

June 6, 1905.

I have to report another death from yellow fever, making 4 deaths in all since the first case was reported. The situation up to date is 8 cases and 4 deaths. Of the 4 cases on hand 3 are discharged and 1 is convalescent. The last death reported was that of a native girl. She was treated by the Government surgeon, who reported the case and death as of yellow fever. The cleaning and oiling are continued and 3 doctors are making a house-to-house inspection. All steamers coming to this port from Mobile and New Orleans are carrying marine medical inspectors. Steamers are being disinfected under my supervision, temperatures of all on board being taken before sailing, and as far as possible every precaution is taken.

INDIA.

Report from Calcutta—Inspection of vessel—Mortality from cholera and plague—Measures for rat extermination recommended for Bengal.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Eakins reports, May 18, as follows: During the week ended May 13, 1905, bill of health was issued to the steamship *Gordon Castle*, bound for Boston and New York with a total crew of 41. The usual precautions were taken, holds fumigated, and rat guards placed on wharf lines. 1283 June 23, 1905

During the week ended May 13, 1905, there were 31 deaths from cholera and 324 from plague in Calcutta.

In Bengal during the week ended May 6, 1905, there were 2,641 cases of and 2,435 deaths from plague.

Measures for rat extermination recommended for Bengal.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce has written to the government of Bengal relative to the extermination of rats as a preventive measure against plague. In its letter it calls attention to the good results following crusades against rats and intimates that any measures adopted by the government toward the extermination of rats would meet with strong support. It suggests that to be of real service in preventing plague epidemics any efforts made against rats should be widespread and cover every district of the city and should be persisted in throughout the year and not confined to times when plague is prevalent. In closing the letter reference was made to the measures adopted at Giridih and their attendant success.

ITALY.

Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Rejections recommended— Infectious diseases in Italy.

Passed Assistant Surgeon McLaughlin reports, June 5, as follows: During the week ended June 3, 1905, the following ships were inspected at Naples:

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large bag- gage in- spected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disin- fected.
June 1 1 1 2 3	Baionne Roma Città di Milano König Albert Italia		1, 263 1, 461 1, 496 963	150 110	1, 450 1, 650 1, 750 980

Rejections recommended.

Date.	Name of ship.	Tra- choma.	Favus.	Suspected trachoma.	Suspected favus.	Other causes.	Total.
June 1 1 1 2 3	Baionne Roma Città di Milano König Albert Italia	42 38 29 38 147	5 1 5 3	53 19 30 33 135	2 1 3 6	3 11 7 6 27	103 71 72 83 ————

Infectious diseases in Italy.

For the week ended May 25, 1905, the following reports were officially registered:

Smallpox.—There were reported 9 cases in 5 communes of the Province of Lecce, 3 cases in the Province of Palermo, 44 cases at Catania. Cases were reported, too, in the Provinces of Chieti and Avellino.